Discussion on Babri Masjid-Ram Janamabhoomi Issue

153. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions were recently held by the Central Government with the representatives of the Hindu and the Muslim communities over the issue of Babri Masjid-Ram Janamabhoomi in Ayodhya;

(b) whether any agreement was arrived at to diffuse the tension prevailing in Ayodhya and other areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Siir.

(b) and (c) Talks are continuing. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details at this stage.

Growth rate of Direct Tax collections

154. SMT. VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth rate of direct tax collections for the first five months (April to August) this year as against the corresponding period last year; and

(b) what was the exact amount of direct tax revenue collection during April to August 1988 and the corresponding period last year as well as direct tax revenue for whole year of 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b).

(In crores of Rupees)

Tax	Collection upto August 1988	Collection upto August 1987	Increase/ Decrease of August 88/August 87	Growth Rate	Collection during Financial year 1987-88
ncome-tax (including Corporation Tax)	1182.96	1227.72	(—)44.76	(—)3.65	6644.00
Wealth-tax	59.41	49.21	(—)10 20	20.73	100.58
Gift-tax	2.44	3.67	(—)1.23	(—)33.51	8.23
Expenditure-tax	*8.16	*	*	*	*

Estate Duty : Stands abolished

*Expenditure-tax was fevied with effect from 1-11-1987.